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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 29, 2005, Applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group II (claims 14-16 drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 350) in the present application. Claims 14-16 have been amended as noted below. Support for these amendments can be found at paragraphs [0023], [0032], and [0033] as well as Fig. 9 of the specification. A complete listing of the claims is provided above.


Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement since the subject matter of all of claims 1-16 is sufficiently related that a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the elected claims would necessarily encompass a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the non-elected claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn and that the present application be examined according to MPEP § 803 so as to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to the Applicants and improper duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

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